

Sub D1
15. (Once Amended) A master information carrier used for recording information signals on a magnetic recording medium, comprising a non-magnetic substrate; a pattern of a ferromagnetic film which is disposed on the surface of the non-magnetic substrate, the pattern being disposed in the track length direction so as to correspond to an arrangement of the information signals; and a non-magnetic solid material filled in portions between respective neighboring ferromagnetic film areas composing the pattern,

wherein the ferromagnetic film comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Co, Fe, and an alloy comprising Co or Fe as the main component, and the non-magnetic solid material is selected from the group consisting of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Cu, Ag and an alloy comprising Cu or Ag as the main component.

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16. (Once Amended) A master information carrier used for recording information signals on a magnetic recording medium, comprising a non-magnetic substrate having an embossed surface that forms a pattern of recessed portions corresponding to an arrangement of the information signals; and a ferromagnetic film filled in the recessed portions of the pattern,

wherein the ferromagnetic film comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Co, Fe, and an alloy comprising Co or Fe as the main component and the non-magnetic substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Si, and C.

Please add new claim 22 as follows:

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22. (New) A master information carrier used for recording information signals on a magnetic recording medium, comprising a non-magnetic substrate; a pattern of ferromagnetic film which is disposed on the surface of the non-magnetic substrate, the pattern being disposed in the track-length-direction so as to correspond to an arrangement of the information signals; and a non-magnetic solid materials filled in portions between the respective neighboring ferromagnetic films areas composing the pattern,

wherein the ferromagnetic film comprises a material selected from the group consisting of Co, Fe, and an alloy comprising Co or Fe as the main component, and the non-magnetic solid material comprises a polymer material.